Underapproximative verification of stochastic LTI systems using Fourier transform and convex optimization

This example will demonstrate the use of SReachTools in verification and controller synthesis for stochastic continuous-state discrete-time linear time-invariant (LTI) systems.

Specifically, we will discuss the terminal hitting-time stochastic reach-avoid problem, where we are provided with a stochastic system model, a safe set to stay within, and a target set to reach at a specified time, and we will use SReachTools to solve the following problems:

- 1. **Verification problem from an initial state:** Compute an underapproximation of the maximum attainable reach-avoid probability given an initial state,
- 2. Controller synthesis problem: Synthesize a controller to achieve this probability, and
- 3. **Verification problem:** Compute a polytopic underapproximation of all the initial states from which the system can be driven to meet a predefined probabilistic safety threshold.

Our approach uses Fourier transforms, convex optimization, and gradient-free optimization techniques to compute a scalable underapproximation to the terminal hitting-time stochastic reach-avoid problem.

Notes about this Live Script:

- 1. **MATLAB dependencies**: This Live Script uses MATLAB's Global Optimization Toolbox, and Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox.
- 2. External dependencies: This Live Script uses Multi-Parameteric Toolbox (MPT) and CVX.
- 3. We will also Genz's algorithm (included in helperFunctions of SReachTools) to evaluate integrals of a Gaussian density over a polytope.
- 4. Make sure that srtinit is run before running this script.

This Live Script is part of the SReachTools toolbox. License for the use of this function is given in https://github.com/abyvinod/SReachTools/blob/master/LICENSE.

Problem formulation: spacecraft rendezvous and docking problem

We consider both the spacecrafts, referred to as the deputy spacecraft and the chief spacecraft, to be in the same circular orbit. We desire that the deputy reaches the chief at a specified time (the control time horizon) while remaining in a line-of-sight cone. To account for the modeling uncertainties and unmodeled disturbance forces, we will use a stochastic model to describe the relative dynamics of the deputy satellite with respect to the chief satellite.



The relative planar dynamics of the deputy with respect to the chief are described by the Clohessy-Wiltshire-Hill (CWH) equations. Specifically, we have a LTI system describing the relative dynamics and it is perturbed by a low-stochasticity Gaussian disturbance to account for unmodelled phenomena and disturbance forces. We will set the thrust levels permitted to be within a origin-centered box of side 0.2.

Target set and safe set creation

For the formulation of the terminal hitting-time stochastic reach-avoid problem,

- the safe set is the line-of-sight (LoS) cone is the region where accurate sensing of the deputy is possible (set to avoid is outside of this LoS cone), and
- **the target set** is a small box around the origin which needs to be reached (the chief is at the origin in the relative frame).

```
time horizon=5;
                                                             % Stay within a line of sight cone
                                                             % reach the target at t=5% Safe Se
%% Safe set definition --- LoS cone |x| \le y and y \in [0,ymax] and |vx| \le y = x
ymax=2;
vxmax=0.5;
vymax=0.5;
A_{safe_set} = [1, 1, 0, 0;
             -1, 1, 0, 0;
              0, -1, 0, 0;
              0, 0, 1,0;
              0, 0, -1, 0;
              0, 0, 0,1;
              0, 0, 0, -1];
b_safe_set = [0;
              0;
              ymax;
              vxmax;
              vxmax;
              vymax;
              vymax];
safe set = Polyhedron(A safe set, b safe set);
%% Target set --- Box [-0.1,0.1]x[-0.1,0]x[-0.01,0.01]x[-0.01,0.01]
target_set = Polyhedron('lb', [-0.1; -0.1; -0.01; -0.01],...
                         'ub', [0.1; 0; 0.01; 0.01]);
%% Target tube
target tube = TargetTube('reach-avoid', safe set, target set, time horizon);
```

We will first specify the initial state and parameters for the MATLAB's Global Optimization Toolbox patternsearch.

Next, using SReachTools, we will compute an optimal open-controller and the associated reach-avoid probability. This function takes about few minutes to run.

Maximum reach-avoid probability using an open-loop controller: 0.863

The function <code>getLowerBoundStochReachAvoid</code> uses Fourier transform and convex optimization to underapproximate the reach-avoid problem. Note that <code>lb_stochastic_reach_avoid</code> is a lower bound to the maximum attainable reach-avoid probability since using a state-feedback law (also known as a Markov policy) can incorporate more information and attain a higher threshold of safety. Unfortuately, the current state-of-the-art approaches can compute a state-feedback law only using <code>dynamic programming</code> (intractable for a 4D problem) or provide <code>overapproximations</code> of safety (unsuitable for verification).

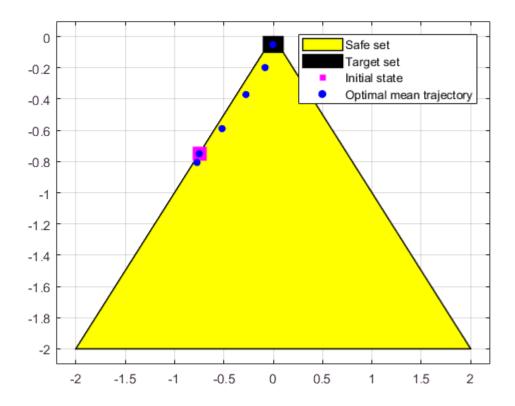
Using the computed optimal open-loop control law, we can compute the associated optimal mean trajectory.

```
[H matrix, mean X sans input, ~] =...
      getHmatMeanCovForXSansInput(sys,...
                                  initial state,...
                                  time horizon);
optimal_mean_X = mean_X_sans input + H matrix * optimal input vector;
optimal mean trajectory=reshape(optimal mean X,sys.state dimension,[])
optimal_mean_trajectory =
   -0.6942
          -0.5432 -0.3527
                             -0.1775
                                      -0.0112
   -0.7355
          -0.6631 -0.5056 -0.2715 -0.0513
   0.0056 0.0095 0.0095 0.0080 0.0086
   0.0014
          0.0058 0.0099
                             0.0135
                                       0.0085
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Visualization of the optimal mean trajectory and the safe and target sets

We can visualize this trajectory along with the specified safe and target sets using MPT3's plot commands.

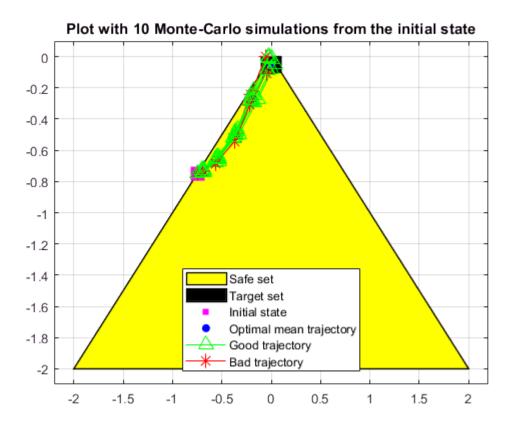


Validate the open-loop controller and the obtained lower bound using Monte-Carlo simulations

Monte-Carlo simulation using 1e+05 particles: 0.859

Plotting random number of trajectories

```
figure();
clf
box on;
hold on;
plot(safe_set.slice([3,4], slice_at_vx_vy), 'color', 'y');
plot(target_set.slice([3,4], slice_at_vx_vy), 'color', 'k');
scatter(initial state(1),initial state(2),200,'ms','filled');
scatter([initial state(1), optimal mean trajectory(1,:)],...
        [initial state(2), optimal mean trajectory(2,:)],...
        30, 'bo', 'filled');
legend cell = {'Safe set','Target set','Initial state','Optimal mean trajectory'};
legend(legend cell);
% Plot n sims to plot number of trajectories
green legend updated = 0;
red legend updated = 0;
traj indices = floor(n mcarlo sims*rand(1,n sims to plot));
for realization index = traj indices
    % Check if the trajectory satisfies the reach-avoid objective
    if mcarlo result(realization index)
        % Assign green triangle as the marker
        markerString = 'g^-';
    else
        % Assign red asterisk as the marker
        markerString = 'r*-';
    end
    % Create [x(t 1) x(t 2)... x(t N)]
    reshaped X vector = reshape(concat state realization(:,realization index), sys.state dimer
    % This realization is to be plotted
    h = plot([initial state(1), reshaped X vector(1,:)], ...
             [initial state(2), reshaped X vector(2,:)], ...
             markerString, 'MarkerSize',10);
    % Update the legends if the first else, disable
    if strcmp(markerString, 'g^-')
        if green legend updated
            h.Annotation.LegendInformation.IconDisplayStyle = 'off';
        else
            green legend updated = 1;
            legend cell{end+1} = 'Good trajectory';
    elseif strcmp(markerString, 'r*-')
        if red legend updated
            h.Annotation.LegendInformation.IconDisplayStyle = 'off';
        else
            red legend updated = 1;
            legend cell{end+1} = 'Bad trajectory';
        end
    end
```



Problem 3: Computation of an underapproximative stochastic reach-avoid set

We will now compute a polytopic underapproximation using the convexity and compactness properties of these sets. Specifically, we can compute the projection of the stochastic reach-avoid set on a 2-dimensional hyperplane on the set of all initial states.

For this example, we consider a hyperplane that fixes the initial velocity. This example sets an initial velocity of $[0.1 \ 0.1]^T$. We also specify other parameters needed for this approach. We will reuse the LtiSystem object as well as the safe sets and the target sets, safe_set and target_set.

```
%% Definition of the affine hull
slice at vx vy = ones(2,1)*0.01;
                                                     % The initial velocities of interest
affine hull of interest 2D A = [zeros(2) eye(2)];
affine hull of interest 2D b = slice at vx vy;
affine hull of interest 2D = Polyhedron('He',...
                                        [affine hull of interest 2D A,...
                                         affine hull of interest 2D b]);
%% Other parameters of the problem
time horizon=5;
probability threshold of interest = 0.8;
                                             % Stochastic reach-avoid 'level' of interest
no of direction vectors = 8;
                                             % Increase for a tighter polytopic
                                             % representation at the cost of higher
                                             % computation time
```

Construct the polytopic underapproximation of the stochastic reach-avoid set. The function getFtUnderapproxStochReachAvoidSet will provide the polytope (n-dimensional) and the optimal open-loop controllers for each of the vertices, along with other useful information. This function will take ~ 20 minutes to run. The vertices are computed by performing bisection along a set of direction vectors originating from a point that is guaranteed to be in the polytope. We choose the guaranteed point to be the initial state that has the maximum probability of success, referred to as xmax. Computation of xmax is a concave maximization problem.

```
[underapproximate stochastic reach avoid polytope,...
optimal input vector at boundary points,...
xmax,...
optimal input vector for xmax,...
maximum underapproximate reach avoid probability,...
optimal theta i,...
optimal reachAvoid i] = ...
          getUnderapproxStochReachAvoidSet(sys,...
                                            target tube,...
                                            safe set, ...
                                            probability threshold of interest,...
                                            tolerance bisection,...
                                            no of direction vectors,...
                                            affine hull of interest 2D,...
                                            desired accuracy,...
                                            PSoptions);
```

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Computing the x max for the Fourier transform-based underapproximation
Polytopic underapproximation exists for alpha = 0.80 since W(x max) = 0.866.
Analyzing direction (shown transposed) :1/8
   - 1
         0
               0
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Upper bound of theta: 0.43
OptRAProb | OptTheta | LB theta | UB theta | OptInp^2 | Exit reason
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                                         0.0171 | Feasible
        | 0.3739 | 0.3205 |
                               0.4273 | 0.0201 | Feasible
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                                0.4273 | 0.0199 | Feasible
        0.4006 | 0.3739 |
 0.8660
          0.4140
                     0.4006
                                0.4273
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                                                | Feasible
 0.8610
        | 0.4207 | 0.4140 |
                                         0.0265 | Feasible
 0.8580
                                0.4273
Analyzing direction (shown transposed) :2/8
  -0.7071
          -0.7071
                          0
Upper bound of theta: 1.39
OptRAProb | OptTheta | LB_theta | UB_theta |
                                         OptInp^2 | Exit reason
           0.0000 |
                     0.0000 |
 0.8660
                               1.3933
                                         0.0108 |
                                                   Infeasible
           0.0000 |
                     0.0000
 0.8660
                                0.6966
                                         0.0108 | Infeasible
        | 0.1742 | 0.0000 | 0.3483 | 0.0202 | Feasible
 0.8660
        | 0.2612 | 0.1742 | 0.3483 | 0.0283 | Feasible
 0.8660
        | 0.3048 | 0.2612 | 0.3483 | 0.0303 | Feasible
 0.8660
 0.8660 | 0.3265 | 0.3048 | 0.3483 | 0.0240 | Feasible
 0.8660 | 0.3374 | 0.3265 | 0.3483 | 0.0236 | Feasible
 0.8650 |
           0.3429 | 0.3374 | 0.3483 |
                                         0.0235 | Feasible
Analyzing direction (shown transposed) :3/8
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-0.0000 -1.0000 0 0

Upper bound of theta: 0.99 OptRAProb OptTheta LB_theta 0.8660 0.0000 0.0000 0.8660 0.2463 0.0000 0.8660 0.3694 0.2463 0.8660 0.4310 0.3694 0.8660 0.4618 0.4310 0.8650 0.4772 0.4618 0.8660 0.4849 0.4772 Analyzing direction (shown tran	0.9852 0.0108 0.4926 0.0092 0.4926 0.0277 0.4926 0.0333 0.4926 0.0330 0.4926 0.0361 0.4926 0.0377	Exit reason Infeasible Feasible Feasible Feasible Feasible Feasible
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Upper bound of theta: 0.43 OptRAProb OptTheta LB_theta 0.8640 0.2137 0.0000 0.8660 0.3205 0.2137 0.8630 0.3739 0.3205 0.8580 0.4006 0.3739 0.8560 0.4140 0.4006 0.8440 0.4207 0.4140 Analyzing direction (shown tran -0.7071 0.7071 0	0.4273 0.0184 0.4273 0.0236 0.4273 0.0228 0.4273 0.0201 0.4273 0.0151 0.4273 0.0171	Exit reason Feasible Feasible Feasible Feasible Feasible
Upper bound of theta: 0.30 OptRAProb OptTheta LB_theta 0.8660 0.1511 0.0000 0.8650 0.2266 0.1511 0.8660 0.2644 0.2266	a UB_theta OptInp^2 0.3022 0.0138 0.3022 0.0274 0.3022 0.0310	Exit reason Feasible Feasible Feasible

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0.8640 | 0.2833 | 0.2644 | 0.3022 | 0.0328 | Feasible
0.8520 | 0.2927 | 0.2833 | 0.3022 | 0.0333 | Feasible
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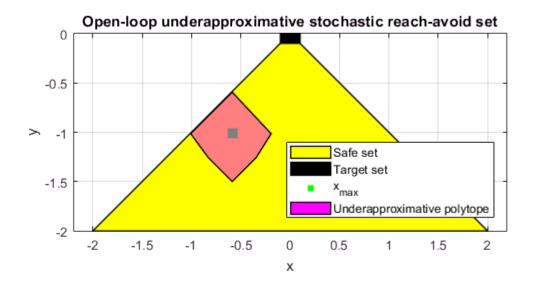
While the open-loop controllers are available only for the vertices, the convexity of the computged underapproximation suggests that a convex combination of the open-loop controllers can be a good initial guess for any point within the underapproximative polytope.

Visualization of the underapproximative polytope and the safe and target sets

Construct the 2D representation of the underapproximative polytope.

Plot the underapproximative polytope along with the safe and the target sets.

```
figure();
hold on;
plot(safe set.slice([3,4], slice at vx vy), 'color', 'y');
plot(target_set.slice([3,4], slice at vx vy), 'color', 'k');
scatter(xmax(1), xmax(2), 100, 'gs', 'filled')
if ~isEmptySet(underapproximate stochastic reach avoid polytope)
    plot(underapproximate stochastic reach avoid polytope 2D,...
         'color', 'm', 'alpha', 0.5);
    leg=legend({'Safe set',...
            'Target set',...
            'x {max}',...
            'Underapproximative polytope'});
else
    leg=legend({'Safe set', 'Target set', 'x {max}'})
set(leg, 'Location', 'SouthEast');
xlabel('x')
ylabel('y')
axis equal
box on;
grid on;
title('Open-loop underapproximative stochastic reach-avoid set');
```



Validate the underapproximative set and the controllers synthesized using Monte-Carlo simulations

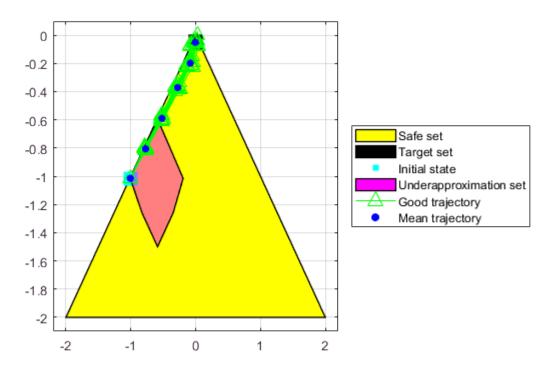
We will now check how the optimal policy computed for each corners perform in Monte-Carlo simulations.

```
if ~isEmptySet(underapproximate stochastic reach avoid polytope)
    for direction index = 1:no of direction vectors
        figure();
        hold on;
        plot(safe set.slice([3,4], slice at vx vy), 'color', 'y');
        plot(target_set.slice([3,4], slice_at_vx_vy), 'color', 'k');
        scatter(vertex poly(1,direction index),...
                vertex poly(2,direction index),...
                200, 'cs', 'filled');
        plot(underapproximate stochastic reach avoid polytope 2D,...
              color','m','alpha',0.5);
        legend cell = {'Safe set',...
                       'Target set',...
                       'Initial state',...
                       'Underapproximation set'};
        concat state realization = generateMonteCarloSims(...
                                        n mcarlo sims,...
                                        sys,...
                                        vertex_poly(:,direction index),...
                                        time horizon,...
                                        optimal input vector at boundary points(:,direction inc
        % Check if the location is within the target set or not
        mcarlo result = target tube.contains(concat state realization);
        %% Plot n sims to plot number of trajectories
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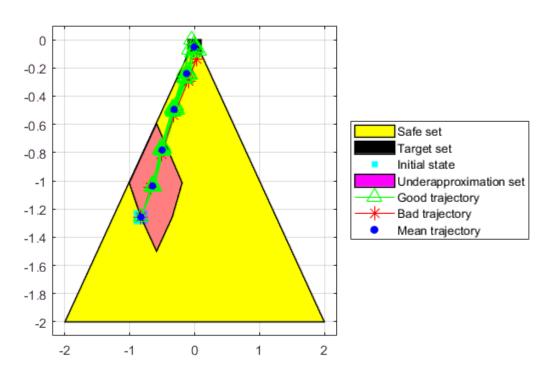
```
green legend updated = 0;
red legend updated = 0;
traj indices = floor(n mcarlo sims*rand(1,n sims to plot));
for realization index = traj indices
    % Check if the trajectory satisfies the reach-avoid objective
    if mcarlo result(realization index)
        % Assign green triangle as the marker
        markerString = 'q^-';
    else
        % Assign red asterisk as the marker
        markerString = 'r*-';
    end
    % Create [x(t 1) x(t 2)... x(t N)]
    reshaped X vector = reshape(concat state realization(:,realization index), sys.sta
    % This realization is to be plotted
    h = plot([vertex poly(1,direction index), reshaped X vector(1,:)], ...
             [vertex poly(2,direction index), reshaped X vector(2,:)], ...
             markerString, 'MarkerSize',10);
    % Update the legends if the first else, disable
    if strcmp(markerString, 'q^-')
        if green legend updated
            h.Annotation.LegendInformation.IconDisplayStyle = 'off';
        else
            green legend updated = 1;
            legend cell{end+1} = 'Good trajectory';
        end
    elseif strcmp(markerString, 'r*-')
        if red legend updated
            h.Annotation.LegendInformation.IconDisplayStyle = 'off';
        else
            red legend updated = 1;
            legend cell{end+1} = 'Bad trajectory';
        end
    end
end
% Compute and plot the mean trajectory under the optimal open-loop
% controller from the the vertex under study
[H matrix, mean X sans input, ~] =...
getHmatMeanCovForXSansInput(sys,...
                             vertex poly(:,direction index),...
                             time horizon);
optimal mean X = mean X sans input + H matrix *...
            optimal input vector at boundary points(:, direction index);
optimal mean trajectory=reshape(optimal mean X,sys.state dimension,[]);
% Plot the optimal mean trajectory from the vertex under study
      [vertex poly(1,direction index), optimal mean trajectory(1,:)],...
      [vertex poly(2,direction index), optimal mean trajectory(2,:)],...
      30, 'bo', 'filled');
legend cell{end+1} = 'Mean trajectory';
leg = legend(legend cell, 'Location', 'EastOutside');
% title for the plot
title(sprintf(['Open-loop-based lower bound: %1.3f\n Monte-Carlo ',...
                   'simulation: %1.3f\n'],...
        optimal reachAvoid i(direction index),...
        sum(mcarlo result)/n mcarlo sims));
box on;
grid on;
fprintf(['Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation ',...
         '(%1.0e particles): %1.3f, %1.3f\n'],...
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Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.858, 0.859 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.865, 0.867 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.866, 0.866 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.866, 0.866 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.866, 0.864 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.866, 0.861 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.844, 0.844 Open-loop-based lower bound and Monte-Carlo simulation (1e+05 particles): 0.852, 0.841
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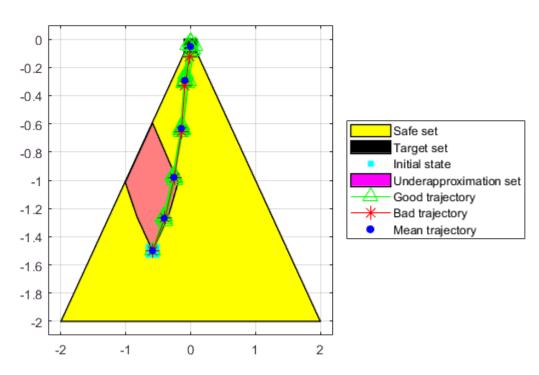
Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.858 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.859



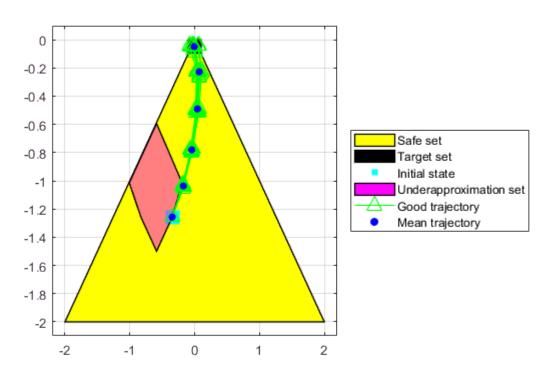
Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.865 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.867



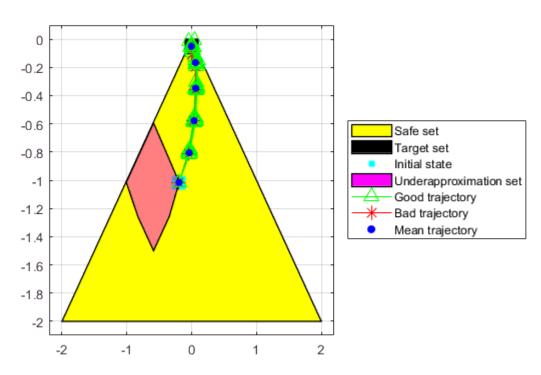
Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.866 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.866



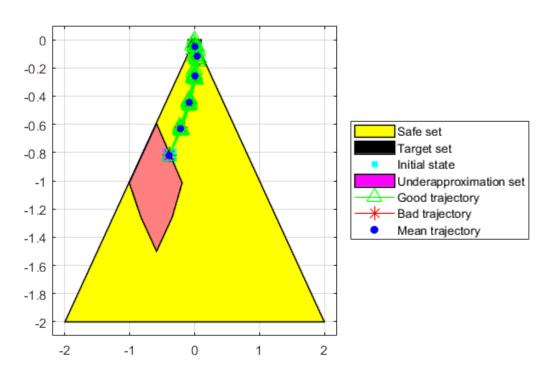
Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.866 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.866



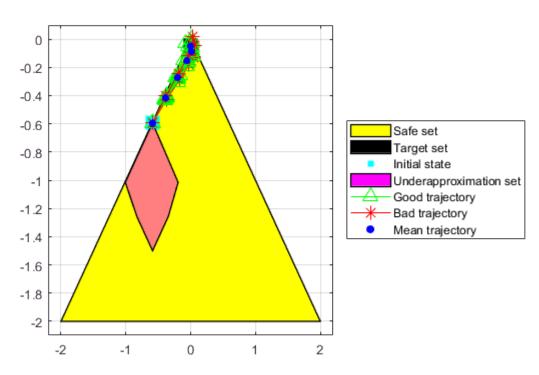
Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.866 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.864



Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.866 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.861



Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.844 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.844



Open-loop-based lower bound: 0.852 Monte-Carlo simulation: 0.841

